

May 22, 2014

The Marion County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting, on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers City Hall, Marion, South Carolina. Members present were Buddy Collins, Chairman, John Q. Atkinson, Jr., Simon Jenkins, Thomas E. Shaw, and Milton W. Troy, II. Also present were G. Timothy Harper, Administrator; Charles L. McLain III, County Attorney; and Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council. A representative from the Star & Enterprise was present and duly notified.

Chairman Collins called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Simon Jenkins to lead the Invocation, after which he welcomed visitors and read the Freedom of Information Announcement.

Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously, to approve as written, the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 13, 2014.

Chairman Collins along with Council requested Mr. Jonathan David Fulmer and family to come forward for the presentation of the S.C. Association of Counties 2014 Board of Directors Scholarship. Mr. Jonathan David Fulmer was the winner of the S.C. Association of Counties 2014 Board of Directors Scholarship for Marion County. The S.C. Association of Counties program was established in 1998 to recognize outstanding students who plan to further their education. Each year, the program awards four \$2,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are residents of counties chosen by lot by the Association. Marion County was selected in the 2014 draw.

The County Attorney stated that item A. & B. second reading for the ordinance listed on the agenda as follows were not ready: A. Second Reading of Ordinance #2014-03 An Ordinance to Authorize the Lease of the Marion County Tax Parcel Number 121-00-00-033-000, more commonly referred to as the Old Marion County Landfill at Ariel Crossroads to Benjie Andrew for the sole purpose of cattle grazing under the terms of the lease attached hereto and made a part hereof, B. Second Reading of Ordinance #2014-05, An Ordinance Authorizing the Lease, and all other matters required thereto, of certain Real Property Owned by Marion County Designated as Tax ID Number 055-00-00-121 & 127 to Project NY1; C. Second Reading of Ordinance #2014-06 Fiscal Year Budget 2014-2015.

Chairman Collins stated for the record that he had a written proxy from Vice Chairperson Smith voting in favor of all matters.

Councilman Simon Jenkins stated for the record that he had a written proxy from Councilman Allen W. Floyd voting in favor of all matters.

The County Attorney told that item C. on the agenda; Second Reading of Ordinance 2014-06 Fiscal Year Budget 2014-2015 was ready: The County Attorney read the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, (Mr. Atkinson) voted against the motion. The motion carried to approve second reading of Ordinance #2014-06.

There were no reports given by Committee #1 or Committee #2.

Mr. Damon L. Shortt requested to be on the agenda, but did not attend the meeting.

The County Attorney had nothing to report.

The Administrator updated Council on the new Administration Building. Mr. Harper told Council that the plans have been submitted to the city for their review.

The Administrator updated Council on the Capital Sales Tax. Mr. Harper told Council that the courthouse has been completed. He stated that final authorization has been completed on the Sellers City Hall. Mr. Harper stated that work continues on the Mullins City Hall, the Nichols Community Town Hall, and the Sellers Community Center.

The Administrator asked Council's approval to assign the animal shelter proposal to Committee #2. Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator presented to Council the budget ordinance and a draft copy of the budget for their review. Mr. Harper told Council that a budget workshop has been scheduled for Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

The Administrator told Council that the County surplus auction will be held on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds.

The Administrator reported to Council that the County received a \$350,000 grant to help with the infrastructure at the industrial park for the agriporum site. Mr. Harper also stated that the County will receive a grant to install the pad for an industrial spec building on the agriporum site.

Motion was made by Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously, to go into executive session for a legal and an economic development matter.

Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to close executive session and reopen the regular scheduled meeting. Chairman Collins stated that no action was taken during executive session called for a legal and an economic development matter.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Mr. Troy, seconded, by Mr. Jenkins, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:41 P.M.

<hr/> Buddy Collins, Chairman	<hr/> (absent) Elista H. Smith Vice Chairperson
<hr/> John Q. Atkinson, Jr.	<hr/> (absent) Allen W. Floyd
<hr/> Simon Jenkins, Chaplain	<hr/> Thomas E. Shaw
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